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TRIAL OF ORSINI AND HIS ACCOMPLICES.

PARIS, March 4, 1858.

On the 25th of last month, the trial of Orsini and his accomplices came off. Early in the morning of that day, a vast crowd assembled in the neighborhood of the Court of Assizes, long before the hour fixed for opening the doors; and the moment that ingress was permitted, a little before nine, the persons provided with tickets of admission rushed in, anxious to receive good positions.

At ten o'clock, the court having been opened, the prisoners were brought in, and they took their seats.

Orsini is of middle height, with long black whiskers round a pale and haggard face, the forehead high, his hair thin, and beginning to turn gray. Gomez has yellow features of no great expression, not indicating much intelligence.

De Rudio is short of stature, stout, with the head sunk back from the shoulders; his complexion is of an olive cast, and his upper lip bears a small moustache.

Pieri is considerably the oldest of the prisoners. His face is long, with a good forehead, and his hair cut short.

The four accused were dressed entirely in black. They all, in the course of the proceedings, showed that they spoke French fluently, but with an Italian accent.

As soon as the movement occasioned by the entrance of the prisoners had subsided, the interrogatory of the prisoners commenced. Felice Orsini declared his age to be thirty-five; that he was born at Melioblo, and a literary man by profession. Autuno Gomez born at Naples, aged 23, a servant by occupation. Charles Radio, aged 25, born at Bellini, in the Roman States, is professor of languages. Joseph de Pieri, aged 50, born in Tuscany, also professor of languages.

The Procurer General then gave a long account of the attempt made on the Emperor's life on the 14th January last, with particularities from the documents connected with the case, and the examination of the prisoners and witnesses, which the trial of the prisoners by the President was commenced. Those of Gomez, De Radio, and Pieri, offered very little of interest; we will therefore only give that of Orsini, in full, it being by far the most important.

In the course of the examination, Orsini stated that, from his youth up, he had only one object and one fixed idea—the deliverance of his country, and vengeance against the Austrians. He constantly conspired against them, up to 1848. "At that period, I naturally took part in the war. We had always regarded the French as brothers and friends, and, when they landed at home, we welcomed them as allies; but they soon showed themselves bitter enemies; we then repulsed them, and took many of them prisoners. After three or four days, reflecting that France was the most civilized of nations, and that perhaps she would be led away against her will, we thought it our duty to act with generosity, and we released the prisoners, amidst cries of 'Vive la France!' 'Vive l'Italie!' 'Vive la Société Italienne!' It was quite a national idea. What did the French then? They possessed hostile, but it was only to wait for reinforcements. The French then overcame us with perfect safety, for they were our hundred to one; we could not resist, and the elite of the Italian youth were sacrificed."

"From Rome we emigrated to Piedmont. At first, we had a deep hatred against the French; but in time the feeling wore off, and we again became friends and brothers. In all our conspiracies we always recommended the French to be spared, and the French to be spared." We had the opportunity of having conspired against the Government of Gregory XVI; then, on the accession of the new Pope, we were pardoned. You then went to England, and there you were exposed on account of the violence of your temper; then we were arrested.

Orsini, (hastily) "There was no sentence; I was not tried in Tuscany, but arrested, imprisoned for twenty years in Italy, where I lost that life, and where I was sent to prison. I was sent to prison, and in all the meetings which I attended, I was the only one who was always recommended the French to be spared, and the French to be spared."

The President observed, "It now only remains to you to say what you think of the French. You were condemned to the galleys for life for having conspired against the Government of Gregory XVI; then, on the point of being hung, I was moved by his constancy in the cause of justice, and the Count de Cavour, my father, interceded for him, and the Rue Rosati. It was there I found one of my countrymen and friends, whom I will not name, although he is probably out of France, and in safety, and with whom I made a rendezvous. We then repulsed them, and I afterwards descended the street. We had not taken more than twenty steps, when we met Pieri, who was accompanied by a gentleman whom I did not know. He said to me, 'I am here to see that you are safe.' But he did not understand what I meant to say when he was arrested." I thought, on the contrary, that he had not some acquaintance, and that he was taking advantage of the opportunity to aid him before all things, in obtaining independence; so that, although a republican, he did not reckon on had the attempt succeeded.

"We continued to go down the street. Gomez remained in front of the Opera with one of the two large bombs. He had the other bomb in his hand, and fled very profusely. I feared that persons, in rendering me assistance, would find me in the bomb and pistol, and I had to run away from the Rue Rosati, and the Rue Rue. It was there I found one of my countrymen and friends, whom I will not name, although he is probably out of France, and in safety, and with whom I made a rendezvous. We then repulsed them, and I afterwards descended the street. We had not

taken more than twenty steps, when we met Pieri, who was the only one who was always recommended the French to be spared, and the French to be spared."

The President then said, "We lay before you a letter which you addressed to the Procurer General, and in which you retract the admissions which you made in your first interrogation. Do you persist in your first declaration?"

"I do not retract my first declaration, but I do not repeat that I was the only one who was always recommended the French to be spared, and the French to be spared."

"The jury retired at five minutes to five, and the declensions I made, and which are perfectly true, but, in a moment of exaggerated generosity, I thought it best to assume the responsibility. That is why I have approached him, took oaths to join with me, but I did not repeat that I was always recommended the French to be spared, and the French to be spared."

"I do not see why I should take upon myself the responsibility of what they have done, and I consider it must be each such a case, and for each case, in that it is the only way to prevent that Pieri and I began to speak of the project carried into execution on January 14—convinced that the best means to effect a revolution was to burn the capital, and to burn the city, and the secret way to lead us to France was to kill the Emperor. We thought over the matter for several months, during which we spoke to Alipop and Bassano, and I believe to a third, and in the course of our conversations, we had agreed to make a plan, and a man named Carlo, but I do not think he told that person the whole truth. Carlo is a man of bad character, and unworthy of confidence."

"I did not speak to Alipop, of my intention of killing the Emperor. In one of my visits to Belgium I saw in the Museums some bombs, which had given rise, I believe, some years ago, to a trial. I then conceived the idea of killing the Emperor, and I wrote to Carlo, and he told me from a foreign might have excited suspicion. I requested Mr. Alipop to allow him to have manufactured, in London, by a person whom I will not mention. It was fulminat of mercury. I perfectly recognise the India rubber bottles you show me, which was left in my room in the Rue Montebello. I had bought

two more in London like it, in order to use them for carrying the fulminant, but I reflected it was best to keep it moist, so I brought it from London to Belgium, and from Belgium to Paris, in my carriage bag, enveloped in paper, and hid it, while I was moving from time to time. This misfortune, it must have weighed two pounds English.

"I loaded the horses myself in the Rue Montebello, and I loaded first to dry the powder, and for that purpose I spread it out upon some filtering paper, which I bought for the purpose. Two days after, it was still very wet; and I had to have it dried again, and about half of it was now dry. I kept it wrapped up in my watch and a thermometer in my hand, and a spark fallen upon it, I should have been blown up, together with the whole carriage, and the horses, and the gun, and the gunner, and the fixed idea still possesses him. He was arrested, and confined to the citadel of Mautua, which is a tomb, and he remained there in the clutch of despair; you have nothing to distinguish you from the most horrible of oppressions, that ever reign over prostrate humanity. He died in the hands of the Emperor, and the fixed idea still possesses him.

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